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For: OPTICAL DEVICE, LENS AND OPTICAL ELEMENT FOR FOCUSING A  
LASER BEAM AND APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ASSEMBLING THE  
OPTICAL DEVICE

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**AFTER FINAL EXPEDITED  
PROCESSING REQUESTED**

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Responsive to the FINAL Official Action dated January 15, 2003 (for which a  
one-month extension of time is hereby sought), please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claim 32 as follows:

32. {TWICE AMENDED} Optical device for focusing a laser beam, said device  
comprising a single optical element upon which the laser beam is directed, said single  
optical element comprising:

a focusing lens in a central portion of the optical element; and